

## **REMARKS**

Claims 2, 7, 9 and 15 have been amended. Claims 8 and 18 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this application and other applications. Claims 2-7, 9-17 and 19-23 are pending in this application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 19-23.

Claims 2-5, 14 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arnold et al. (U.S. Patent No. 2,015,507). Claims 10-13, 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Arnold et al. in view of O'Dea et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,007,371). Claims 6-9 and 18 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 8. As noted by the Office Action, claim 2 as amended should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 3-7 and 9-14, dependent upon claim 2, are allowable along with claim 2 and on their own merits.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 18. As noted by the Office Action, claim 15 as amended should now be allowable over the prior art of record. Claims 16-18, dependent upon claim 15, are allowable along with claim 15 and on their own merits.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this case are in a condition for allowance and favorable action thereon is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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